

Name: _____

HONORS ENGLISH 12

Date: _____

Period: _____

THE CANTERBURY TALES

Character Assignment

Part One: The Reading - In class (or at home)

- ☐ Read and take notes on Geoffrey Chaucer page 67 in your textbook.
- ☐ Read the entire prologue for a general feel of all of the characters as well as the journey to Canterbury.

Part Two: The Research - In library (or at home)

1. Read the description of your assigned character in the Prologue: your character is _____, lines _____.
2. Determine whether your character is a member of the Church, the Court, or the Commoners.
3. Make bullet notes on the type of clothes that he/she wears and the physical description of the character, name, etc.
4. Summarize that character's personality traits. Some characters are directly characterized; some are indirectly characterized. Be prepared to defend your characterization. Also make note: Is Chaucer attempting to satirize the character?
5. What famous actor/actress would you cast to play the role of your character in a movie? Or, who would your character be in modern day society? Write a paragraph explaining why you would choose this person (remember to cite examples from the text to support your opinion). Explanations should include physical descriptions, descriptions of clothing style, and personality (use your notes from question #2 to help you with your essay).
6. Provide a picture of your "cast member." You may use the Internet and print a picture or cut out a picture from a magazine or newspaper. If you are a good artist, you may choose to draw a caricature of your actor/actress in costume.
7. In preparation for your oral presentation of your assigned character, be sure that you fully understand your character and his or her place/purpose in *The Canterbury Tales*. Take notes and print appropriate pictures. Your presentation should last only a few minutes but should leave a lasting impression.

What you are submitting (see last page for layout details):

1. Notes on Chaucer
2. Bulleted notes on character
3. Paragraph for number 7
4. Picture of your pilgrim
5. Information about Canterbury
6. Creative slogan from the mouth of your character inviting others to Canterbury

Part Three: The Product

- Must be six sided
- Include factual information from notes/text

<p>The Tale of (Insert Your Character' name)</p> <p>Picture of your character</p>	<p>Information about Canterbury (the place)</p> <p>(pictures and/or information can be found in the beginning and end of the Prologue)</p>	<p>Information about Chaucer/Time Period</p> <p>(information can be found in your textbook prior to the Prologue)</p>
<p>Information about Your Character (you will find this in your reading of your character)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Characteristics • Journey • Travel companions • Name • Satire • Etc. 	<p>Modern Day</p> <p>Who would your character be in modern day (ie. A stereotype, a specific person, celebrity, etc) and why?</p>	<p>Slogan: to invite outsiders (You create this based on your understanding of your character. Words of advice, words of wisdom, etc.)</p>

THE CANTERBURY TALES Character Assignment Rubric

Front cover (name and picture)	_____ /2.5
Information about canterbury	_____ /5
Information about chaucer	_____ /5
Info about Your Character (characteristics, Journey, companions, name, satire)	_____ /10
Who Would Your Character be in modern day and why?	_____ /5
Slogan to invite outsiders to canterbury	_____ /2.5
Overall neatness	_____ /5
Presentation	_____ /5